

Message Text

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ACTION SY-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 /011 W
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R 100230Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1746

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO AND MSG BN; HONG KONG FOR RMO AND RSS FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: AUGMENTATION OF MSG PERSONNEL, REQUEST FOR

REF: A) SAIGON 0176 (070735Z JAN 75); B) HONG KONG 0252 (080753Z
JAN 75)

1. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SAIGON IN BEST POSITION TO EVALUATE SECURITY POSTURE. WE DISAGREE THAT MSG AT VEHICLE GATE TO CHANCERY COMPOUND DURING DAYTIME (WHEN GATE IS OPEN) ADDS LITTLE TO SY POSTURE. SINCE THREAT IS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT/SENSITIVE AREAS, THIS POST SERVES AS MAJOR DETERRENT TO ANY PLANNED SAPPER ATTACK OR OTHER ACTS OF SABOTAGE. THIS IS EXACT REASON WHY THERE IS A MISSION WARDEN GUARD TO HANDLE DROPBAR AND A SECURITY POLICE STATIONED AT THE GATE. THE MSG AT THIS LOCATION SERVES ONE OF HIS PRIMARY MISSIONS. IT IS ALSO THE BASIS FOR OUR REQUESTING AN MSG POST AT THE OTHER MAJOR ENTRANCE, THE EMBASSY ANNEX COMPOUND GATE.

2. SECONDLY, WE HAVE CLOSELY QUESTIONED THE NCOIC, THE ANCOIC, AND THE OIC RE THE SERGEANT OF THE GUARD POST. ALL THREE ARE ADAMANT IN THEIR CONCLUSION THAT THIS POST MUST BE RETAINED. TO MAINTAIN "LAW AND ORDER" AND THE ASSURANCE OF A REACTION CAPABILITY, THE S/RSO AGREES.

3. POST NO. 5 IS A SHAKEDOWN FOR THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE. WE
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AGREE THAT IF REPLACEMENTS ARE NOT FORTHCOMING, THIS POST WOULD

BE THE FIRST TO BE ELIMINATED. WE HAVE HAD TO TEMPORARILY ABANDON
THIS SERVICE IN THE PAST WHEN MSGS WERE CALLED TO TOKYO.

4. FINALLY, WE WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT A HARD LOOK
BE GIVEN TO SAIGON'S 0265 (SECRET - 081200Z JAN 75) BEFORE FURTHER
EVALUATIONS OR ANY DECISIONS ARE MADE TO DENY OUR REQUEST.
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